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SUBJECT: SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN UNTSO

REF: USUN 4712

1. DURING CALL ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE ON  
ANOTHER SUBJECT NOV 13, SOVIET EMBASSY MINISTER COUNSELOR  
GROMYKO MADE PARALLEL DEMARCHE TO THAT OF MALIK IN NEW  
YORK (REFTEL) RE INCLUSION OF SOVIET INTERPRETERS IN UNTSO.  
SPEAKING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, GROMYKO SAID SOVIET GOVERN-  
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MENT WISHED TO DRAW DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION TO FACT THAT

AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN AND SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD REACHED UNDERSTANDING SOME TIME AGO THAT USSR WOULD PROVIDE 36 OBSERVERS AND 36 TRANSLATORS FOR UNTSO. MOSCOW IS NOW PERPLEXED TO FIND THAT OBSTACLES ARE BEING RAISED IN NEW YORK TO FULFILLMENT THIS UNDERSTANDING, CONCERNING WHICH SOVIET PERMREP MALIK HAD ALREADY INFORMED SYG WALDHEIM. SPECIFICALLY, GROMYKO SAID, AMBASSADOR SCALI IS ACTING CONTRARY TO DOBRYNIN-KISSINGER UNDERSTANDING. SOVIET GOVERNMENT REQUESTED DEPARTMENT TO INTERVENE SO THAT UNDERSTANDING COULD BE FULFILLED. GROMYKO ADDED THAT SYG WALDHEIM HAD TAKEN POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD THIS UNDERSTANDING UNTIL SCALI INTERVENED.

2. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, GROMYKO EXPRESSED VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FIND 36 OBSERVERS WITH NECESSARY LANGUAGE CAPABILITY, WITHOUT WHICH THEY WOULD BE HANDICAPPED IN PERFORMING OBSERVER DUTIES. ACCORDINGLY, PROVISION FOR TRANSLATORS APPEARED REASONABLE.

3. ARMITAGE NOTED THAT ONLY UNDERSTANDING OF WHICH HE HAD SEEN ACCOUNT PROVIDED THAT US AND USSR WOULD EACH PROVIDE TOTAL OF 36 PERSONS FOR INCLUSION IN UNTSO, THIS BEING SIZE OF LARGEST CONTINGENT PROVIDED BY ANY THIRD COUNTRY. HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY UNDERSTANDING SUCH AS THAT DESCRIBED BY GROMYKO BUT WE WOULD CHECK FURTHER INTO THE MATTER.

4. COMMENT. IF SECRETARY CORROBORATES OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT ONLY 36 SOVIET NATIONALS WERE TO BE INVOLVED, WE WOULD EXPECT AMB SCALI TO STAND FIRM AND PRESS HIS POINT WITH WALDHEIM. IN FACT, SOVIETS COULD EASILY MAKE 36 ENGLISH-SPEAKING OFFICERS AVAILABLE IF THEY WISHED. CASEY UNQUOTE RUSH

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